

Sheep, Lambs, and Wool

Arizona's sheep and lamb inventory on January 1, 2004 was estimated at 114,000 head, down 1,000 head from a year ago. Breeding sheep and lamb inventory, at 57,000 head, remained unchanged from January 1, 2003. Market sheep and lambs inventory, at 57,000 head, decreased by 1,000 head from the previous year.

Sheep and lamb marketings in 2003 were 94,000 head, 8,000 more than 2002. Average prices received by sheep operators in

2003 were \$38.00 per hundredweight for sheep, up \$5.00 from 2002, and \$89.00 per hundredweight for lambs, up \$15.00 from 2002. Cash receipts totaled \$7.7 million, up 29 percent from a year earlier.

Average wool prices increased 2 cents to 34 cents per pound. Wool production was valued at \$211,000, up 34 percent from the previous year.

Sheep: Number of Operations and Inventory 1/

	January 1						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Arizona							
Operations (Number)	300	300	300	250	250	270	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	140.0	140.0	140.0	120.0	115.0	115.0	114.0
United States							
Operations (Number)	71,750	70,000	69,200	68,600	68,150	67,620	2/
Inventory (1,000 Head)	7,825.1	7,247.0	7,036.0	6,908.0	6,623.0	6,321.0	6,090.0

1/ An operation is any place having one or more sheep on hand during the year.

2/ Not available until January 2005.

Sheep: By Class, Farm Value, and Lamb Crop

	January 1						
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Breeding sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)							
Ewes	63.0	58.0	60.0	53.0	49.0	49.0	48.0
Rams	2.0	3.0	4.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
Replacement lambs	8.0	7.0	6.0	6.0	5.0	5.0	6.0
Market sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	67.0	72.0	70.0	58.0	58.0	58.0	57.0
All sheep and lambs (1,000 Head)	140.0	140.0	140.0	120.0	115.0	115.0	114.0
Farm Value							
Per head (Dollars)	110	89	96	98	96	115	121
Total (1,000 Dollars)	15,400	12,460	13,440	11,760	11,040	13,225	13,794
Lamb crop (1,000 Head)	47.0	45.0	42.0	39.0	34.0	34.0	1/

1/ Not available until January 2005.

Sheep and Lambs: Inventory, Supply, and Disposition

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
	1,000 Head						
Inventory January 1	140	140	140	120	115	115	114
Lamb crop	47	45	42	39	34	34	3/
In-shippments	76	85	69	81	68	75	3/
Marketings 1/							
Sheep	11	2	14	20	5	9	3/
Lambs	88	111	99	88	81	85	3/
Farm slaughter 2/	20	13	15	13	13	13	3/
Deaths							
Sheep	2	2	2	2	2	2	3/
Lambs	2	2	1	2	1	1	3/

1/ Includes animals for custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State out-shippments, but excludes inter-farm sales within the State.

2/ Excludes custom slaughter for farmers at commercial establishments.

3/ Not available until January 2005.